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BY HAND

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 01-194: Ex Parte Communications

Dear Ms. Salas:

A. Richard Metzger, Jr. of Lawler, Metzger and Milkman, LCC, counsel to WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) spoke by telephone with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps on November 14, 2001, and again in person on November 15, 2001 to discuss issues related to the above-referenced docket. During these conversations, Mr. Metzger discussed incumbent local exchange carriers' obligation to make digital subscriber line (DSL) services available as a retail offering, and the importance of ensuring that DSL services are available to competitive carriers such as WorldCom for resale at wholesale rates.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b)(1), an original and one copy of this letter are being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

Gil Strobel

cc: Jordan Goldstein